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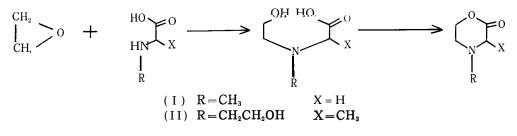
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In connection with elucidating the role of L-leucine as a neuroactLive substance, the authors prepared 2-morpholinones by a ring closure from carboxyl group and amino group of L-leucine with alkylene oxide. These compounds were tested as to the pesticidal activity. Only 2-cyclohexylamino-1-phenyl-ethanol had the activity against adults of *Tetranychus cinabarius*.

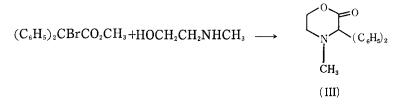
INTRODUCTION

There are many reports on the synthesis of 2-morpholinone. Namely, Knorr (1899) prepared 4-methyl-2-morpholinone (I) by heating ethylene oxide with sarcosine, followed by removal of water from the intermediate N-ethanolamino acid.

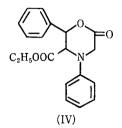


The method has been applied successfully by Kiprianov 4-(2hydroxyethyl)-2-morpholinone

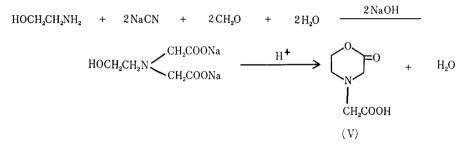
et al. (1953) 3,3-diphenyl-4-methyl-2-morpholinone at



De Mouilpied (1905) synthesized the lactone (IV), by condensing ethyl phenylglycinoacetate with benzaldehyde in benzene solution, in the presence of theoretical amounts of sodium ethoxide. Cocker (1943) prepared N-benzenesulphonyl-6methyl-2-morpholinone by treating LD-N-hydroxypropylglycine in alkaline solution with bezenesulphonyl chloride.



An interesting method involving dicarboxymethylation leads to 4-carboxymethyl-2-morpholinone (Ziemlak *et al.*, 1950). At first, ethanolamine was treated with a mixture of sodium cyanide and formaldehyde in alkaline solution. Then, by rendering the reaction product to acid, 4-carboxymethyl-2-morpholinone (V) was obtained.



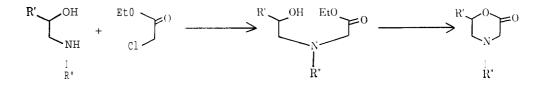
Pascal (1957) synthesized N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-isobutyl-2-morpholinone by applying Kiprianov's method from L-leucine and ethylene oxide. Jankowski *et al.* (1963) also reported some derivatives of N-substituted 2-morpholinone but the yield of the synthesized compounds was quite very low. More recently, Vieles and Galsomias (1967) prepared 2-morpholinium salts by the reaction of ethyl 2-chloropropionate with tertiary aminoalcohols and discussed about their optical properties.

Present paper deals with syntheses of some derivatives of 2-morpholinone by using propylene oxide and styrene oxide as the combining moiety. These compounds were tested as to the insecticidal activity.

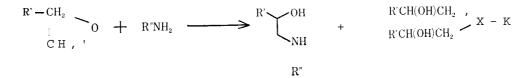
SYNTHESES

General procedure

Epoxides (0.1 mole) was heated with the appropriate amines (0.1 mole) in an autoclave at 150°C for 6 hours. The resulting aminoalcohols were distilled *in vacuo* in order to remove tertiary aminoalcohols produced as by-product.



Then aminoalcohols were heated under reflux with ethyl chloroacetate (0.1 mole) for 4-5 hours in an oil bath.



The reaction mixture was then cooled, alkalified with aq. Na_2CO_3 solution and extracted with CHCl₃ 3 times. The dried (Na_2SO_4) CHCl₃ extract was distilled. When necessary, crude lactones were purified by picrate formation.

Preparation of aminoalcohols

(1) By the reaction of primary amines and propylene oxide or 1,2-butylene oxide, several aminoalcohols were prepared as the combining moiety.

(2) Reaction of styrene oxide and a series of primary amines. Results are summarized in Table 1.

After distillation *in vucuo*, the distillate crystallized mostly. Recrystallization was carried out from n-hexane. Nos. 8 and 9 were recrystallized from n-hexane : acetone (2:1).

Preparation of 2-morpholinones

Each of alkylene oxide and styrene oxide (0.1 mole) was treated with aliphatic, aromatic or alicyclic primary amines (0.1 mole) at 150°C for 5-6 hours. Condensed products were purified by means of fractional distillation *invacuo*.

(1) Preparation of N-substituted-6-methyl-2-morpholinones

A typical method adopted was shown in an example of 4-ethyl-6-methyl-2morpholinone (Cahill et al., 1969).

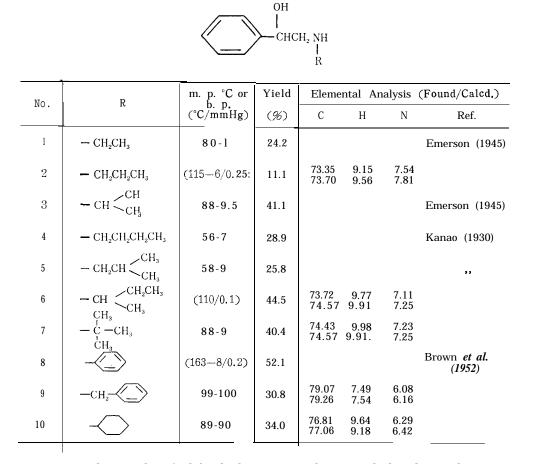
4-Ethyl-6-methyl-2-morpholinone

2-Ethylamino-1-methyl-ethanol (4.6 g) was heated with ethyl chloroacetate (12.2 g) in an oil bath (150°C) for 4 hours, then the mixture was cooled, alkalified with aq. Na₂CO₃ solution and extracted 3 times with CHCl₃. The dried CHCl₃ extract was evaporated and the residue was distilled to give No. 12.

4,6-Dimethyl-2-morpholinone (No. 11)

Sarcosine (0.1 mole) was mixed with Na_2CO_3 (0.4 mole), allowed to stand with propylene oxide (0.1 mole) for several hours, then the mixture was neutralized with conc. HCl to pH 6, concentrated on a water bath, and distilled *in vacuo*. A fraction of b. p. 95°C/17 mmHg was collected (Pascal, 1957). The result-

Table 1. Reaction of styrene oxide and primary amines.



ing compound was identified by hydroxamic acid test and thin layer chromatography. As spray reagent in TLC Dragendorff's reagent and ninhydrin were used.

Results obtained on other samples are shown in Table 2.

(2) Preparation of N-substituted-6-ethyl-2-morpholinones

These compounds were prepared by the similar method as described above (No. 12), using aminoalcohols obtained from 1,2-butylene oxide and amines. Results are given in Table 3.

(3) Preparation of N-substituted-6-ethyl-2-morpholinones

These compounds were also synthesized by the similar procedure mentioned above using 1-arylaminoalcohols obtained from styrene oxide and amines. Results are shown in Table 4.

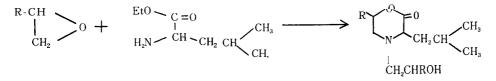
Table 2	• 2-Morpholinones	obtained	from	aminoalcohols	and	ethyl	chloroacetate.
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No.	R	b. p. °C/mmHg	Yieldi	m. p. Picrate	ElementalAnalysis (Found/Calcd.)				
		or m. p.(°C)	(%)	(°C)	С	Н	Ν	Ref.	
11	— CH,	95/17						Pascal (1957)	
12	$-CH_2CH_3$	90-2/0.7	29.7	156-7.5	$\begin{array}{c} 41.88\\ 41.90 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.32\\ 4.56\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 14.94\\ 15.05 \end{array}$		
13	-сн < СН ₃	97-106/2.5	30.3	1245				Cahill <i>ef al.</i> (1969)	
14	$-CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$	98-103/0.8	25. 5	160-2	$\begin{array}{c} 45.02\\ 45.00\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.01 \\ 5.04 \end{array}$	$13.81\\14.00$		
15	$-CH_2CH \stackrel{CH_3}{\sim}_{CH,}$	109-111/0.5	47.8	183-5	$\begin{array}{c} 44.89\\ 45.00\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.06 \\ 5.04 \end{array}$	13.94 14.00		
16	$- CH_{CH_2} \leq CH_2CH_3$	98-109/0.5	37.3	132-3	$\begin{array}{c} 44.95\\ 45.00 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.03 \\ 5.04 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 13.88\\ 14.00 \end{array}$		
17	$- \underset{CH_3}{CH_2CH_3} - \underset{CH_3}{CH_3} - \underset{CH_3}{\overset{I}{C}} - \underset{CH_3}{L$	945/2	29.4					Cahill <i>et al.</i> (1969)	
18	\sim	(67—9)	21.3					,,	
19	-CH2-	154—5/1	38.4	-				*1	
20	\sim	131-4/0.3	30.7	191-3				,,	

(4) The reaction of L-leucine ethylester with several epoxides

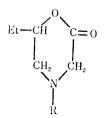
Some new 2-morpholinones were synthesized by the condensation of propylene oxide or 1,2-butylene oxide with leucine ethylester.



4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-isobutyl-2-morpholinone (No. 41)

From L-leucine ethylester and ethylene oxide, this compound was prepared according to Pascal's report (1957).

 $\label{eq:charge} \textbf{Table 3. 2-Morpholinones obtained from l-ethylaminoalcohols and ethyl chloro-acetate.}$



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$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	23	$-CH \leq_{CH_3}^{CH_3}$	155-60/0.15	35.9	163— 5		5,09 5.04	
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$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	26	$- CH $ CH_2CH_3	105—11/0. 2	46.3				
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	29	CH2-	156-9/0.15	45.3			8.17 7.82	
	30	\sim	151- 3/0.5	37.4				

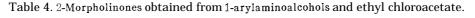
Acetylation of 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-isobutyl-2-morpholinone (No. 42)

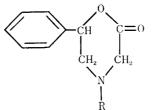
4-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-3-isobutyl-2-morpholinone was refluxed with anhydrous acetic acid on an oil bath for **30** minutes. After being cooled, the mixture was washed with cold water, and extracted with CHCl₃. Then, the extract was distilled *in vacuo* to give No. **42**.

4-(2-Hydroxypropyl)-3-isobutyl-6-methyl-2-morpholinone (No. 43)

L-Leucine ethylester hydrochloride (0.01 mole) was treated with EtONa, then mixed with propylene oxide (0.02 mole) and heated at 100°C in an autoclave for 24 hours. After cooled, the solvent was evaporated, and the residue was passed down in silica gel column with CHCl₃ to give No. 43.

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No.	R	b. p.	Yield	m. p. Picrate	Eler (H	nental Found/(Analys Calcd.)	is
INO.	10	°C/mmHg	(%)	(°C)	C	Н	Ν	Ref.
31	- CH ₂ CH ₃	150—3/0. 2	16.0	180— 2	49.45 49.77	$\begin{array}{c} 4.14\\ 4.18\end{array}$	12.85 12,90	
32	- CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	155/0 . 4	40.9	178 — 9	50.10 50.89	$\begin{array}{c} 4.50\\ 4.50\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 12.43\\ 12.50 \end{array}$	
33	$-CH \leq CH_3 CH_3$	155/0 . 2	32.7	191 — 2	$50.60 \\ 50.89$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.51 \\ 4.50 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 12.34\\ 12.50 \end{array}$	
34	$- CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$	164/0.5	33.5				$\begin{array}{c} 5.51 \\ 6.00 \end{array}$	
35	$-CH_2CH < CH_3 CH_3$	154-6/0.5	38.3	161 - 2	51.88 51.95	$\begin{array}{c} 4.87\\ 4.80\end{array}$	$11.77 \\ 12.12$	
36	− CH ₂ CH ₃ − CH ₃ ⊂ CH ₂ CH ₃	153/0 . 3	46.6	169—7 0	$52.13 \\ 51.95$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.85\\ 4.80\end{array}$	11.87 12.12	
37	$-C$ $-CH_3$		-		$51.82 \\ 51.95$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.82\\ 4.80\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 11.92\\ 12.12 \end{array}$	Janko-
38		71-91/0.2	84.6					wski <i>et</i> al. (1968)
39	-CH2-	210/0.9	60.2		$\begin{array}{c} 55.02\\ 55.64\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.05\\ 4.06\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 11.08\\ 11.29 \end{array}$	(1000)
40	\sim	192—4/0. 2	56.4					

6-Ethyl-4-(2-hydroxybutyl)-3-isobutyl-2-morpholinone (No. 44)

L-Leucine ethylester hydrochloride (0.01 mole) was treated with EtONa, then mixed with 1,2-butylene oxide (0.02 mole) and heated at 100°C in an autoclave for 24 hours. Aftre cooled, the reaction mixture was fractionally distilled *in vacuo* to give No. 44.

6-Phenyl-3-isobutyl-2-morpholinone (No. 45)

L-Leucine ethylester hydrochloride (0.01 mole) was treated with EtONa, then mixed with styrene oxide (0.01 mole) and heated at 100°C in an autoclave for 24 hours, After cooled, a white crystalline N-(2-phenyl-2-hydroxyethyl)-L-leucine (No.46) was obtained. 231-233°C (decomp.), yield 0.2g (9.0 %). The filtrate separated from crystals was distilled *in vacuo to* give No. *45.*

These results are shown in Table 5.

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No.	Structure	b. p. °C/mmHg	Yield	Analy	sis (Fo	ound/C	Calcd.)
110.	Structure	or m. p.(°C)	(%)	С	Н	Ν	Ref.
41	$\left \begin{array}{c} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ N \\ HOCH_2CH_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ HOCH_2CH_2 \end{pmatrix} \right _{CH_2CH_2} \begin{pmatrix} CH_3 \\ CH_3 \\ CH_3 \end{pmatrix}$	183-6/6	70.0				Pasca (1957)
42	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ N \\ CH \\ COCH \\ CH \\ CH \\ CH \\ CH \\ CH \\ $	146—8/3	55.0	57.42 59.24	8.56 8.70	$5.22 \\ 5.76$	
43	CH ₃ COOCH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃ COCH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃ CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃ CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃		8.5			5.76 6.11	
44	CH ₃ CH ₂ CO HONCCH ₃ CH ₂ CH CH ₃ CH ₄ CHCH ₂ CH	150/0.7	31.2		10.32 11.27	5.26 5.40	
45	CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	148-50/0.5	22.4			4.23 5.40	
46	$ \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \end{array} \\ \end{array} $	(231—3)	9.0	66.77 66.90		$5.64 \\ 5.57$	

 Tabe 5. 2-Morpholinones obtained from leucine ethylester.

(5) Condensed ring systems of 2-morpholinone

Following condensed ring compounds of 2-morpholinone and their starting moieties were prepared by the method described by Cahill et al. (1969). *4-Benzoyl-2-morpholinone (No.* 50).

Monochloroacetic acid (0.11 mole) and aq. 30 % NaOH 0.22 mole were added slowly at the same time to ethanolamine (0.1 mole) maintaining at 70-80°C. The mixture was stirred for 3 hours, and diluted with water to give a 10-20% solution. After cooled, benzoyl chloride (0.08 mole) was added dropwise to the solution at room temperature, and the pH of the reaction mixture was kept at 9-11 by addition of aq. NaOH. The mixture was further stirred for 3 hours at room temperature, then acidified to pH 3. The product obtained was washed with water and aq. NaOH until neutral. White crystalline product was obtained.

N-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-N-carboxymethylglycine (No. 51)

A mixture of ethanolamine (0.3 mole), monochloroacetic acid (0.3 mole) was stirred for 3 hours at $85^\circ C$, then cooled, and finally evaporated in vacuo to obtain white crystalline residue. It was recrystallized from $\rm H_2O\text{-}EtOH$.

4-Carboxymethyl-5-isobutyl-2-morpholinone (No. 52)

L-Leucinol (0.1 mole) was refluxed for 4 hours with ethyl chloroacetate (0.1 mole). Then the mixture was cooled, alkalified with aq. Na_2CO_3 and extracted 3 times with CHCl₃. The dried CHCl₃ extract was evaporated to remain No. 52. The product was purified by distillation.

These results are illustrated in Table 6.

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No.	Structure	m. p. °C or b. p. (°C/mmHg)	Yield (%)	C	H	N N	Calcd.) Ref.
	$\overline{\sim^0 \sim_0}$		(70)	-			
47		66-7	34.9				Cahill et al. (1969)
		(153-65/0.8)					
48		91-2	25. 0				
	CH₂ ♥	(137-40/0.2)					
49	$(\sum_{N}^{0}) = 0$	62 – 3	20.0				
		99—1 00					
50	c = 0	picrate 165-8	12.2	43.05	5.45%	$16.98 \\ 16.96$	
	С	protate 100 0		40.36	6.37	7.75	
51		180-3(dec.)	82.0	40.36	6.26	7.91	
	CH ₂ COOH						
52	CHCH ₂ N ^{FO}	(150—5/0.6)	9.0				
	CH ₃ CH ₂ COOH						

Table 6. Condensed ring compounds of 2-morpholinones.

Chemical and optical properties of some aminoalcohols and 2-morpholinones

(1) Infrared spectrometry

2-Morpholinones have two characteristic absorption bands, C=O stretching vibration and C-O stretching one (1150 cm-). The intense C=O stretching vibration occurs at higher frequencies than that of normal ketones. The carbonyl

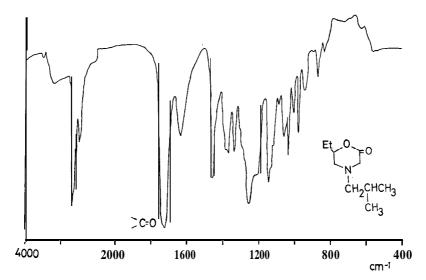
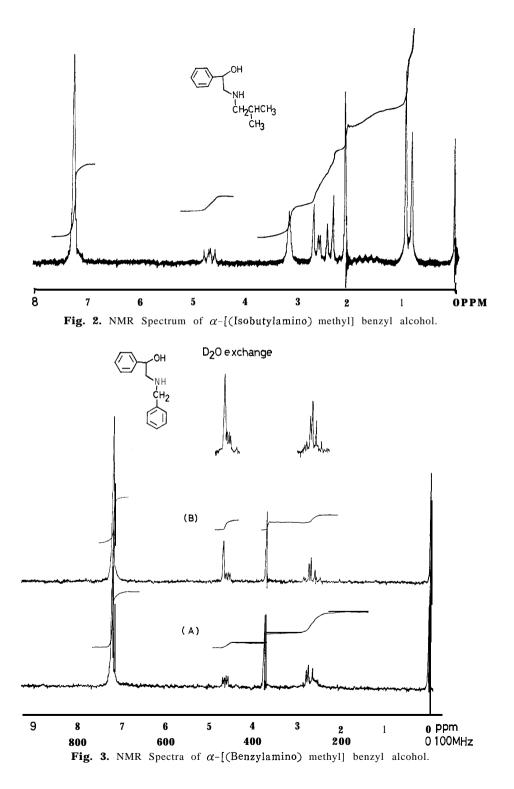


Fig. 1. IR Spectrum of 6-Ethyl-4-isobutyl-2-morpholinone,

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absorption of 6-ethyl-4-isobutyl-2-morpholinone occurred at 1740 cm⁻¹ as shown in Figure 1.

(2) NMR spectrometry

The NMR spectra were determined on a 60MHz and a 100 MHz spectrometer as 10 % solution in CCl₄, with TMS as internal reference.

The NMR spectrum of 2-isobutyl-1-phenyl aminoalcohol provides almost conclusive conformation for the above structure. Namely, in reaction of styrene oxide with amines, it may produce the isomeric formula of which the phenyl group linked at the β -position of reaction product. Howover, as shown in Figure 2, the NMR spectrum showed that the reaction mechanism of styrene oxide seems to be $S_N 2$ mechanism. In general it is well known that when the epoxides is cleaved, the hydroxyl group is attached to the carbon having rare protons. The five protons at δ **7.22** are the five benzene-ring protons. The doublet of six protons at δ **0.62, 0.93** represents the iso-propyl group. The sharp unsplit peak at δ 2.08 is the proton of hydroxyl group.

In Figure 3, ten protons at ∂ 7.20 are attributable to two benzene groups. The quartet around ∂ 4.60 is the proton attached to a-carbon. The sharp unsplit peak at ∂ 3.67 represents the methylene protons of benzyl group. The proton of hydroxyl group and secondary amine are investigated by D₂O exchange (B). Thus, it seems to be in ∂ 2.60-2.80 region, because the integration shows that the protons of ∂ 2.70 region are four, but as shown in Figure 3, they are varied to two protons by D₂O exchange.

(3) Mass spectrometry

The Mass spectra were determined at 75eV on an JEOL OlSG instrument with source temperature 161° C.

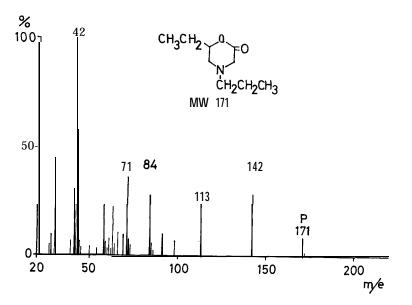


Fig. 4. Mass Spectrum of 6-Ethyl-4-propyl-2-morpholinone.

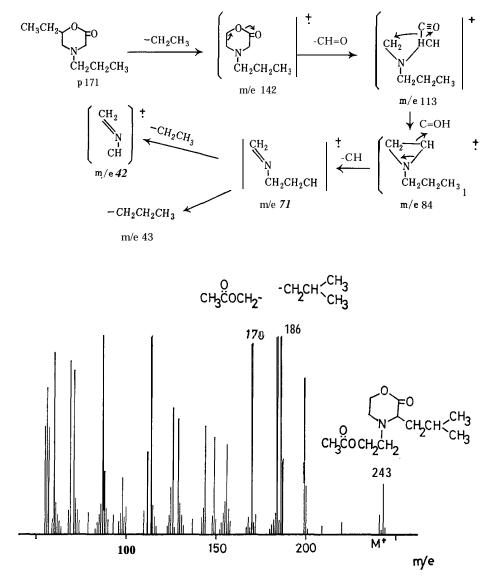
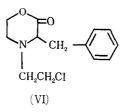


Fig. 5. Mass Spectrum of 4-Acetoxyethyl-3-isobutyl-2-morpholinone.

PHYSIOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES OF 2-MORPHOLINONE

Moscher *et al.* (1953) reported that3, 3-diphenyl-4-methyl-2-morpholinone showed no appreciable analgesic activity below toxic doses (200 mg/Kg) and was inactive as an antihistaminic agent, sympatholytic and anticonvulsant. Izumi (1954) tested inhibitory activity of some N-bis(2-chloroethyl)-derivatives of certain amino acids against Yoshida Sarcoma. MeCHRCOOH (R=alkyl) was the most active compound among tested compounds as judged by response of tumor cells and prolongation of life in tumor-burdened rats, but 2-morpholinones showed no activities. According to Lee **at al.** (1963), the morpholinone derivative (VI)



did not exhibit significant antitumor activity against Walker 256 Sarcoma, Sarcoma 180, Adenocarcinoma 755, and Leukemia L-1210. Zikmund (1960) tested the hypoglycemic activity on N-tosylated derivatives of 2-morpholinone. Cignarella *et al.* (1962) synthesized N-benzyl-2,6-dimethyl-derivative as an antiadrenergic substance. Budensky *et al.* (1964) also synthesized 4-(*p*-tolylsulfonyl)-2-morpholinone as oral antidiabetics and reported the blood sugar lowering activity and weak toxicity. More recently, Irwin *et al.* (1972) tested the anticonvulsant activity of cyclic derivatives of 2-cyclohexylamino-1-phenylethanol, but derivatives of 2-morpholinone showed low activity. Up to date, there is no report on anticholinesterase activity or insecticidal activity,

The authors tested the effect of aminoacohols and 2-morpholinones against some noxious insects.

Method of screening and tested insects

Tetranychus cinabarius (Adults) (No. 1)

After spraying on the leaf, the mortality after 24 or 48 hours was observed.

Tetranychus cinabarius (Eggs) (No. lb)

After laying eggs, chemicals were sprayed on leaf in 24 hours, the number of hatching larvae after 7 days was counted.

Macrosiphon pusi (Adults) (No. 2)

After spraying on the insect bodies or leaf, the mortality of adults and larvae after 48 hours was observed.

Nephottettix apicalis cincticeps (Adults) (No. 3)

Spraying on the leaf, the number of fallen insects after 24, 48 and 72 hours was counted.

Prodenia litura (Larvae) (No. 4)

Leaf dip, observation of the mortality after 48 and 72 hours.

Bombyx mori (Larvae) (No. 5)

Leaf dip, observation of the mortality after 48 hours.

Meloidogyne incognitra acrita (No. 6)

Soil drench and leaf spray, observation of the goal index of root systems after one month.

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Musca domestica (Adults) (No. 7)

Application of the poisoned feed on a filter paper, observation of the mortality, number of unflying insects and laying eggs after and 48 hours.

Periplaneta americana (Larvae) (No. 8)

Applying on the filter paper, the mortality after 48 hours was observed.

Results and discussion

The samples were dissolved in a small amount of N,N-dimethylformamide, and diluted with distilled water or acetone to make **2000** and 500 ppm aq. solution. Then diluted solutions were applied to the host plant, soils and insects. The results are summarized in Tables 7 and 8.

Some compounds substituted with n-butyl, isobutyl, cyclohexyl had the insecticidal activity to a certain extent. These compounds, however, brought about the plant injury too. On the other hand, **Tetranychus cinabarius, Meloidogyne** *in***cognitra acrita**, and **Musca domestica** among tested insects were generally sensitive against these chemicals.

Among 2-morpholinones

phenyl group at C 6 had the insecticidal activity to some extent. *cinabarius* inones.

Insect No. lb Compds. No. 2000 500 2000 2000 2000 2000 500 Concn. (ppm) 52.9 61.5 57.9 2.243.2 $\hat{2}$ 322.0'23.4 2.27.1 40.0 22.7 1.3 81.3 7.7 86.4* 70.7 5 36.4 $5.6 \\ 2.1$ 77.8 20.0 80.0 6.7 42.135.6 2.450.0 43.2* 25.6 56.3 7.7 36.3 45.3*# 16.1 68.8 12.5 28.6 14.34.338.9 73.7 26.7 2.0 78.4* 72.0 Control 1.0 4.86.3 Time (day)

Table	T asecticidal	activity	of	some	N-substituted	aminoalcohols.
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2-morphol-

* plant injury, # herbicidally active to barnyard grass (100% inhibition at 100 ppm).

2-Morpholinones

Insect No. Compds,No.		lb	2 3	4	7
Concn. (ppm)	2000 500	2000 500	2000 200	0 2000	2000 500
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17 18 19 20		$\begin{array}{cccc} 1.3 & 1.3 \\ a.3 & 1.3 \\ 18.4 & 0 \\ 8.0 & 7.0 \\ 4.9 & 0 \end{array}$	11.5 0 18.5 0 13.1 0 11.3 0 11.0 0	0 0 0 0	$\begin{array}{cccc} 5.9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 5.6 & 0 \\ 5.3 & 0 \\ 5.3 & 0 \\ 5.3 & 0 \end{array}$
21 22 23 24 25		$\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 2.4 \\ 0 & 3.5 \\ 3.4 & 0 \\ 1.0 & 0 \\ 3.3 & 0 \end{array}$	17.1 10. 11.3 0 11.8 0 13.3 10. 9.2 0	0	$\begin{array}{cccc} 7.1 & 0 \\ 11.8 & 0 \\ 0 & 6.3 \\ 10 & 7.1 \\ 0' & 0 \end{array}$
26 27 29 30 31		$\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 \\ 1.4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 5.9 & 0 \\ 4.1 & 0 \end{array}$	14.1 0 15.1 10, 13.7 0 13.9 0 10.9 9.	0 0	$ \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 7.1 \\ 12.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 7.1 & 0 \\ 6.3 & 15. a \end{array} $
32 33 34 35 36	7.0 31.7 7.7 25.0 10.0 21.7 12.7	$\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1.3 \\ 4.2 & 0 \\ 1.1 & 1.4 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 6.5 & 3.3 \end{array}$	13.0 0 10.4 0 12.9 10.1 10.7 0 15.4 20.1	0	$\begin{array}{cccc} 5.0 & 0 \\ 13.3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 7.1 & 0 \end{array}$
37 38 39 40	$\begin{array}{rrrrr} 11.3 & 6.9 \\ 25.5 & 6.9 \\ 12.3 & 1.4 \\ 28.3 & 15.8 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 3.9 & 1.3 \\ 1.2 & 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{cccc} 11.8 & 0 \\ 14.2 & 10.1 \\ 10.2 & 0 \\ 11.6 & 0 \end{array}$	0 0 0 0	$\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 13.3 & 0 \\ 0 & 5.3 \\ 5.0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}$
HCON(Me) ₂	a.5 —	0 -	11.3 0	0	0 0
	3.2 0	0 —	11.8 0	0	0 —

Table 8. Insecticidal activity of some 2-morpholinones.

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